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BLACK NATIVITY

JOY TO THE WORLD

JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM
AND HEAVEN, LET HEAVEN, HEAVEN AND NATURE,
HEAVEN AND NATURE SING

EVERYBODY SING JOY TO THE WORLD
THE LORD IS COME
(LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING)
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM
LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING
LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING
GO TELL OF HIS GLORY
GO SHOUT THE NEW STORY
THAT THE SAVIOR IS BORN
LET HEAVEN, HEAVEN, HEAVEN AND NATURE SING

EVERYBODY SING JOY TO THE WORLD
THE LORD IS COME
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING
LET FIELDS AND FLOCKS
ROCKS HILLS AND PLAINS
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY
GO TELL OF HIS GLORY
GO SHOUT THE NEW STORY
THE SAVIOR IS BORN
LET HEAVEN, HEAVEN, HEAVEN, HEAVEN AND NATURE SING

SING JOY TO THE WORLD
FOR THE SAVIOR REIGNS
AND MAKES HIS BLESSINGS FLOW
JOYFUL ALL YE NATIONS RISE
JOIN THE TRIUMPH OF THE SKIES
WITH ANGELIC HOSTS PROCLAIM
GLORY TO THE KING
WHILE THE ANGELS SING

EVERYBODY SING JOY TO THE WORLD
THE LORD IS COME
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM
GO TELL OF HIS GLORY
GO SHOUT THE NEW STORY
THE SAVIOR IS BORN
LET HEAVEN, HEAVEN, HEAVEN, HEAVEN AND NATURE SING
EVERYBODY SING JOY
SING JOY TO THE WORLD

ALL OVER THE WORLD
SING JOY, OH, SING JOY,

EVERYBODY SING...
JOY TO THE WORLD
SING, JOY, JOY, JOY,
PEACE, LOVE AND JOY
JOY. JOY, JOY SING JOY TO THE WORLD
SING JOY TO THE WORLD

EVERYBODY SING JOY TO THE WORLD
EVERYBODY SING OH YEAH
SING JOY TO THE WORLD
HEY, SING JOY
SING JOY, SING JOY, SING JOY
JOY TO THE WORLD!

NARRATOR: IT CAME TO PASS IN THOSE DAYS, THAT THERE WENT OUT A DECREE FROM CAESAR AUGUSTUS, THAT ALL THE WORLD SHOULD BE TAXED. AND THIS TAXING WAS FIRST MADE WHEN CYRENIUS WAS GOVERNOR OF SYRIA. AND ALL WENT TO BE TAXED EVERYONE INTO HIS OWN CITY. AND JOSEPH ALSO WENT UP FROM GALILEE TO BE TAXED-OUT OF THE CITY OF NAZARETH INTO JUDEA, UNTO THE CITY OF DAVID WHICH IS CALLED BETHLEHEM-WITH HIS WIFE, MARY, BEING GREAT WITH CHILD… WE HEAR MARY SAY, "I THINK OH, JOSEPH- I THINK MY TIMES' MOST COME."

I JUST CAN'T GIVE UP NOW

THERE WILL BE MOUNTAINS
THAT I WILL HAVE TO CLIMB
AND THERE WILL BE BATTLES
THAT I WILL HAVE TO FIGHT
BUT VICTORY OR DEFEAT,
IT'S UP TO ME TO DECIDE
BUT HOW CAN I EXPECT TO WIN

IF I NEVER TRY.

I JUST CAN'T GIVE UP NOW
I'VE COME TOO FAR
FROM WHERE I STARTED FROM
NOBODY TOLD ME
THE ROAD WOULD BE EASY
AND I DON'T BELIEVE
HE BROUGHT ME THIS FAR TO LEAVE ME

NEVER SAID THERE WOULDN'T BE TRIALS
NEVER SAID I WOULD'T FALL
NEVER SAID THAT EVERYTHING WOULD GO
THE WAY I WANT IT TO GO
BUT WHEN MY BACK IS AGAINST THE WALL
AND I FEEL ALL HOPE IS GONE,
I'LL JUST LIFT MY HEAD UP TO THE SKY
AND SAY HELP ME TO BE STRONG

I JUST CAN'T GIVE UP NOW
I'VE COME TOO FAR
FROM WHERE I STARTED FROM
NOBODY TOLD ME THE ROAD WOULD BE EASY
AND I DON'T BELIEVE
HE BROUGHT ME THIS FAR TO LEAVE ME

NO YOU DIDN'T BRING ME
OUT HERE TO LEAVE ME LONELY
EVEN WHEN I CAN'T SEE CLEARLY
I KNOW THAT YOU ARE WITH ME

I JUST CAN'T GIVE UP NOW
I'VE COME TOO FAR
FROM WHERE I STARTED FROM
NOBODY TOLD ME
THE ROAD WOULD BE EASY
AND I DON'T BELIEVE
HE BROUGHT ME THIS FAR TO LEAVE ME

INN KEEPER: "I HAVE NO ROOM! DIDN'T I TELL YOU NO, BEFORE? WHY DO YOU COME BACK? WHAT DO YOU KEEP KNOCKING FOR? MY INN'S FULL. I'VE GOT NO ROOM FOR YOU AND THAT WOMAN THERE. THIS IS NO HOSPITAL. I KEEP NO MIDWIVES ABOUT. I'M SORRY, BUT THERE'S NO

PLACE HERE. NO ROOM! NO, I SAY, NO!" NO ROOM! NO ROOM AT THE INN! NO ROOM AT THE RICH FINE HOTEL. NO ROOM!

NARRATOR: NO ROOM. NO ROOM FOR MARY ANYWHERE! NO ROOM FOR JOSEPH. NO ROOM. IN ALL THE GREAT CITY OF BETHLEHEM, NO ROOM. THE NIGHT IS LATE. THE AIR IS COLD. THE DOORS ARE LOCKED. THE LIGHTS ARE OUT. GOOD FOLKS HAVE GONE TO BED. THE STREETS ARE DESERTED. WE HEAR MARY SAY, "I CAN'T! OH, JOSEPH, I CAN'T GO ON." THEY ARE STRANGERS HERE. HER TIME HAS ALMOST COME. JOSEPH DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO, AND IN THIS PLACE HE HAS NO FRIENDS. "JOSEPH! JOSEPH, I MUST LIE DOWN NOW. I MUST! OH, I… OH, NO! I CAN'T GO FATHER! NO! NO… I CAN'T." JOSEPH BEGS, " WAIT! WAIT HERE, I'LL FIND A PLACE."

THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

LISTEN TO THE ANGELS
REJOICING E'ER SO SWEETLY
RECEIVING HEAVEN'S GLORY
THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

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THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

CAN'T YOU SEE THE PEOPLE
COMING FROM EVERY NATION
PLEADING FOR SALVATION
THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

LISTEN TO THE ANGELS
REJOICING E'ER SO SWEETLY
RECEIVING HEAVEN'S GLORY
THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

CAN'T YOU SEE THE PEOPLE
COMING FROM EVERY NATION
PLEADING FOR SALVATION
THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

OH SUCH A WONDERFUL SAVIOR
TO BE BORN IN A MANAGER
SO THAT I CAN SHARE HIS FAVOR
AND MY HEART BE MADE ANEW

LISTEN TO THE TRUMPETS
SHOUTING THROUGH THE DARKNESS
CRYING 'HOLY, HOLY'
THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

OH SUCH A WONDERFUL SAVIOR
TO BE BORN IN A MANAGER
SO THAT I CAN SHARE HIS FAVOR
AND MY HEART BE MADE ANEW

LISTEN TO THE TRUMPETS
SHOUTING THROUGH THE DARKNESS
CRYING 'HOLY, HOLY'
THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

LISTEN TO THE TRUMPETS
SHOUTING THROUGH THE DARKNESS
CRYING 'HOLY, HOLY' (NOW BEHOLD THE SAVIOR)
THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

LISTEN TO THE ANGELS
REJOICING E'ER SO SWEETLY
RECEIVING HEAVEN'S GLORY
THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN

NARRATOR: AND SO IT WAS HER DAYS WERE ACCOMPLISHED THAT SHE SHOULD BE DELIVERED. AND SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER FIRST BORN SON, WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER- FOR THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN.

***WOMAN*:** FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS, AND HIS NAME SHALL BE WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, ALL MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

***WOMAN*:** SOME CALL HIM ONE THING-SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM JESUS.

WOMAN-1: SOME CALL HIM ONE THING-SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM JESUS.

***WOMAN*:** SOME CALL HIM JESUS- SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM EMANUEL.

WOMAN-2: SOME CALL HIM JESUS- SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM EMANUEL.

***WOMAN*:** SOME CALL HIM EMANUEL- SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM WONDERFUL.

WOMAN-3: SOME CALL HIM EMANUEL- SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM WONDERFUL.

***WOMAN*:** SOME CALL HIM WONDERFUL- SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM PRINCE OF PEACE.

WOMAN-4: SOME CALL HIM WONDERFUL- SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM PRINCE OF PEACE.

***WOMAN*:** SOME CALL HIM PRINCE OF PEACE –SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM JESUS.

WOMAN-5: SOME CALL HIM PRINCE OF PEACE –SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM JESUS.

NARRATOR: SHE'S GONNA CALL HIM JESUS. JESUS. JESUS.

NARRATOR: HEAR AGAIN THE CHRISTMAS STORY-

CHRIST IS BORN IN ALL HIS GLORY.

BABY LAID IN MANGER DARK,

LIGHTING AGES WITH THE SPARK

OF INNOCENCE THAT IS THE CHILD

TRUSTING ALL WITHIN HIS SMILE.

TELL AGAIN THE CHRISTMAS STORY

WITH THE HALO OF HIS GLORY;

HALO BORN OF HUMBLENESS

BY THE BREATH OF CATTLE BLEST

BY THE POVERTY OF STALL

WHERE A BED OF STRAW IS ALL

BY A DOOR CLOSED AT THE INN

WHERE ONLY EN OF MEANS GET IN,

BY A DOOR CLOSED TO THE POOR.

CHRIST IS BORN ON EARTHEN FLOOR

IN A STABLE WITH NO LOCK-

YET KINGDOMS TREMBLE AT THE SHOCK

OF A KING IN SWADDLING CLOTHES

AT AN ADDRESS NO ONE KNOWS

BECAUSE THERE IS NO HOTEL SIGN-

NOTHING BUT A STAR DIVINE,

NOTHING BUT A HALO BRIGHT

ABOUT HIS YOUNG HEAD IN THE NIGHT.

MARY'S SON IN MANGER BORN!

MUSIC OF THE ANGEL'S HORN!

MARY'S SON IN STRAW AND GLORY!

WONDER OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY!

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
OVER THE HILLS AND EVERYWHERE
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN

WHEN I WAS A SEEKER
I SOUGHT BOTH NIGHT AND DAY
AND I ASKED THE LORD TO HELP ME
AND HE SHOWED ME THE WAY

OH, GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
OVER THE HILLS AND EVERYWHERE
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN

HE MADE ME A WATCHMAN,
UPON THE CITY WALL
AND IF I AM A CHRISTIAN
I AM THE LEAST OF ALL, YEAHYEAH

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
OVER THE HILLS AND EVERYWHERE
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN

WOMAN: AND SO THE NEWS SPREAD, AND THE PEOPLE HEARD, AND THE PEOPLE CAME TO SEE HIM-SWEET LITTLE JESUS BOY, SLEEPING IN A STABLE AMONG THE SWINE. THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS, FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMANUEL WHICH IS INTERPRETED IS, GOD IS WITH US, JESUS, LORD,

EMANUEL! NOW WHEN JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA IN THE DAYS OF HEROD THE KING, BEHOLD, THERE CAME WISE MEN FROM THE EAST SAYING, …

KING 1: "WHERE IS HE THAT IS BORN KING OF THE JEWS?

KING 2: FOR WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST

KING 3: AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM."

***WOMAN*:** IT ALL BEGAN THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM WHEN THE STAR SHONE OVER THE MANGER AND THERE WAS BORN IN THE CITY OF DAVID, A SAVIOUR WHOSE NAME WAS CHRIST THE LORD.

NARRATOR: AND SO THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM BECAME A SYMBOL. THE MANGER BECAME A CHURCH. THE THREE KINGS BECAME PRINCES OF THE CHURCH. WISE MEN BECAME ITS MINISTERS. THE HEAVENLY HOSTS BECAME THE SINGERS OF GOD'S PRAISES ALL OVER THE WORLD-FOR ALMOST TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO. WE SING HIS SONGS AND GLORIFY HIS NAME. THIS CHURCH WHERE YOU SEE US GATHERED-THIS GOSPEL CHURCH WHERE HIS WORD IS SPREAD- IS BUT AN EXTENSION OF HIS MANGER. THOSE GATHERED HERE ARE HIS WORSHIPERS WHO HAVE COME TONIGHT TO MAKE- AS THE BIBLE SAYS- A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD.

NARRATOR: AMEN. AMEN. AMEN. THAT WAS WONDERFUL. SPIRIT-FILLED AND FEARLESS. WE ARE HAVING SUCH A WONDERFUL EVENING AND I WANT US TO TAKE A MOMENT, EACH OF US, AND GRASP THAT

FEELING OF FEARLESSNESS. I AM A P.K. (PREACHERS KID) AND ONE THING THAT WAS STRESSED IN OUR HOUSE WAS THAT "GOD HAS NOT GIVEN ME A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER, LOVE AND A SOUND MIND." WE HAVE THIS EVENING PRESENTED A POWERFUL PRODUCTION WITH LOVE AND I PRAY THAT EACH OF YOU HAS THE SOUND MIND NECESSARY TO KNOW WE NEED YOU TO DIG DEEP SO THAT THIS TRADITION CAN GO ON. I KNOW THAT TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN. WHERE ARE THE BABIES

THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

GIRL1: THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS HERE,
GIRL 2: THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS HERE,
GIRL 1: I FEEL IT IN THE ATMOSPHERE,
BOTH: THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS HERE,
GIRL 1: THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS HERE.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS HERE,
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS HERE,
I FEEL IT IN THE ATMOSPHERE,
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS HERE,
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS HERE.

THE POWER OF THE LORD IS HERE,
THE POWER OF THE LORD IS HERE,
I FEEL IT IN THE ATMOSPHERE,
THE POWER OF THE LORD IS HERE,
THE POWER OF THE LORD IS HERE.

EVERYBODY BLOW THE TRUMPET,
AND SOUND THE ALARM,
BECAUSE THE LORD IS IN THE TEMPLE,
LET EVERYBODY BOW,
LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE HIM NOW,
THE LORD IS HERE!

A BLESSING FROM THE LORD IS HERE,
A BLESSING FROM THE LORD IS HERE,
I FEEL IT IN THE ATMOSPHERE,
A BLESSING FROM THE LORD IS HERE,
A BLESSING FROM THE LORD IS HERE.

EVERYBODY BLOW THE TRUMPET,
AND SOUND THE ALARM,
BECAUSE THE LORD IS IN THE TEMPLE,
LET EVERYBODY BOW,
LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE HIM NOW,
THE LORD IS HERE!

I CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD,
AND I'M GONNA GET MY BLESSING RIGHT NOW.

I CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD,
AND I'M GONNA GET MY BLESSING RIGHT NOW.

I CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD,
AND I'M GONNA GET MY BLESSING RIGHT NOW.

I CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD,
AND I'M GONNA GET MY BLESSING RIGHT NOW.

CLOSE